CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising:

broadcasting meta-data to one or more client systems, the meta-data

including descriptions of a plurality of data files;

receiving ratings of each one of the plurality of data files from the one or

more client systems; and

broadcasting a portion of the plurality of data files to the one or more

client systems in response to the ratings received from the one or more client

systems.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising selecting the portion of the

plurality of data files, which have having higher ratings based on the received

ratings.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising combining the ratings

received from the client systems, if ratings are received from more than one client

system, to generate an overall ratings list of the plurality of data files.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising broadcasting a broadcast

schedule of the portion of the plurality of data files prior to broadcasting the

portion of the plurality of data files.

1   5. The method of claim 1 further comprising broadcasting a broadcast

2 schedule of the meta-data prior to broadcasting the meta-data to the one or more

3 client systems.

1   6. The method of claim 1 wherein broadcasting the portion of the plurality

2 of data files to the one or more client systems comprises broadcasting one of the

3 plurality of data files having a higher rating prior to broadcasting one of the

4 plurality of data files having a lower rating.

1   7. An method, comprising:

2 receiving meta-data broadcast by a server system, the meta-data including

3 descriptions of a first plurality of data files;

4   rating in response to a content rating table at least one of the first plurality

5 of data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated

6 responsive to data files previously accessed;

7   transmitting the ratings of the at least one of the first plurality of data files

8 to the server system;

9   receiving a second plurality of data files broadcast by the server system;

10 and

11   storing based on the content rating table a portion of the second plurality

12 of data files broadcast by the server system.

1   8. The method of claim 7 further comprising receiving a meta-data

2   broadcast schedule broadcast by the server system, the client system activated in

3   response to the meta-data broadcast schedule.

1   9. The method of claim 7 wherein the first plurality of data files includes

2   the second plurality of data files.

1   10. An method, comprising:

2   receiving meta-data broadcast by a server system, the meta-data including

3   descriptions of a first plurality of data files;

4   rating in response to a content rating table at least one of the first plurality

5   of data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated

6   responsive to data files previously accessed;

7   transmitting the ratings of the at least one of the first plurality of data files

8   to the server system;

9   receiving a broadcast schedule of a second plurality of data files broadcast

10   by the server system;

11   selectively receiving based on the content rating table a portion of the

12   second plurality of data files broadcast by the server system; and

13   storing the portion of the second plurality of data files broadcast by the

14   server system.

1   11. The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving a meta-data

2   broadcast schedule broadcast by the server system, a client system activated in

3   response to the meta-data broadcast schedule.

1   12. The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving a broadcast

2   schedule of the second plurality of data files prior to selectively receiving the

3   portion of the second plurality of data files.

1   13. The method of claim 10 wherein the first plurality of data files

2   includes the second plurality of data files.

1   14. An apparatus, comprising:

2   a processor having circuitry to execute instructions;

3   a communications interface coupled to the processor, the communications

4   interface coupled broadcast data to one or more client systems, the

5   communications interface further coupled to receive data from the one or more

6   client systems;

7   a storage device coupled to the processor, having sequences of instructions

8   stored therein, which when executed by the processor cause the processor to

9   broadcast meta-data to the one or more client systems, the meta-data

10   including descriptions of a plurality of data files;

11   receive ratings of each one of the plurality of data files from the one or

12   more client systems; and

13   broadcast a portion of the plurality of data files to the one or more client

14   systems in response to the ratings received from the one or more client systems.

15. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the processor is further caused to

2   select the portion of the plurality of data files, which have having higher ratings

3   based on the received ratings.

16. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the processor is further caused to

2   broadcast a broadcast schedule of the portion of the plurality of data files prior to

3   broadcasting the portion of the plurality of data files.

1   17. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the processor is further caused to

2   broadcast a broadcast schedule of the meta-data prior to broadcasting the meta-

3   data to the one or more client systems.

1   18. An apparatus, comprising:

2   a processor having circuitry to execute instructions;

3   a communications interface coupled to the processor, the communications

4   interface coupled receive data broadcast from a server system, the

5   communications interface further coupled to transmit data to the server system;

6   a storage device coupled to the processor, having sequences of instructions

7   stored therein, which when executed by the processor cause the processor to

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8   receive meta-data broadcast by a server system, the meta-data including

9   descriptions of a first plurality of data files;

10   rate in response to a content rating table at least one of the first plurality of

11   data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive

12   to data files previously accessed;

13   transmit the ratings of the at least one of the first plurality of data files to

14   the server system;

15   receive a second plurality of data files broadcast by the server system; and

16   store based on the content rating table one or more of the second plurality

17   of data files broadcast by the server system.

1   19. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the processor is further caused to

2   receive a meta-data broadcast schedule broadcast by the server system, the client

3   system activated in response to the meta-data broadcast schedule.

1   20. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the first plurality of data files

2   includes the second plurality of data files.

1   21. An apparatus comprising:

2   a processor having circuitry to execute instructions;

3   a communications interface coupled to the processor, the communications

4   interface coupled receive data broadcast from a server system, the

5   communications interface further coupled to transmit data to the server system;
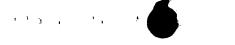
6   a storage device coupled to the processor, having sequences of instructions

7   stored therein, which when executed by the processor cause the processor to

8   receive meta-data broadcast by a server system, the meta-data including

9   descriptions of a first plurality of data files;

10   rate in response to a content rating table at least one of the first plurality of

11   data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive

12   to data files previously accessed;

13   transmit the ratings of the at least one of the first plurality of data files to

14   the server system;

15   receive a broadcast schedule of a second plurality of data files broadcast

16   by the server system;

17   selectively receive based on the content rating table a portion of the second

18   plurality of data files broadcast by the server system; and

19   store the portion of the second plurality of data files broadcast by the

20   server system.

1   22. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the processor is further caused to

2   receive a meta-data broadcast schedule broadcast by the server system, the client

3   system activated in response to the meta-data broadcast schedule.

1   23. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the processor is further caused to

2   receive a broadcast schedule of the second plurality of data files prior to

3   selectively receiving the portion of the second plurality of data files.
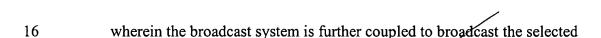
1   24. A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon,

2   which when executed by a processor cause the processor to

3   broadcast meta-data to one or more client systems, the meta-data including

4   descriptions of a plurality of data files;

5   receive ratings of each one of the plurality of data files from the one or

6   more client systems; and

7   broadcast a portion of the plurality of data files to the one or more client

8   systems in response to the ratings received from the one or more client systems.

25. The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein the processor is

2   further caused to select the portion of the plurality of data files, which have

3   having higher ratings based on the received ratings.

1   26. A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon,

    which when executed by a processor cause the processor to

3   receive meta-data broadcast by a server system, the meta-data including

4   descriptions of a first plurality of data files;

5   rate in response to a content rating table at least one of the first plurality of

6   data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive

7   to data files previously accessed;

8   transmit the ratings of the at least one of the first plurality of data files to

9   the server system;

10   receive a second plurality of data files broadcast by the server system; and

11   store based on the content rating table a portion of the second plurality of

12   data files broadcast by the server system.

1   27. The machine-readable medium of claim 26 wherein the process is

2 further caused to receive a meta-data broadcast schedule broadcast by the server

3 system, a client system activated in response to the meta-data broadcast schedule.

1   28. A system, comprising:

2   a broadcast server; and

3   one or more client systems coupled to the broadcast server;

4   wherein the broadcast server is coupled to broadcast meta-data to the one

5 or more client systems, the meta-data including descriptions of a plurality of data

6 files;

7   wherein the one or more client systems are coupled to rate in response to a

8 content rating table one or more of the plurality of data files described by the

9 meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive to data files previously

10 accessed;

11   wherein the one or more client systems are coupled to transmit to the

12 broadcast server the ratings of the plurality of data files;

13   wherein the broadcast system is coupled to select a portion of the plurality

14 of the data files in response to the ratings received from the one or more client

15 systems; and

16   wherein the broadcast system is further coupled to broadcast the selected

17   portion of the plurality of data files.

1   29. The system of claim 28 wherein each one of the one or more client

2   systems are coupled to selectively store a portion of the selected portion of the

3   plurality of data files in response to a content rating table associated with each

4   respective one of the plurality of client systems.

1   30. The system of claim 28 wherein each one of the one or more client

2   systems are coupled to selectively receive a portion of the selected portion of the

3   plurality of data files in response to a content rating table associated with each

4   respective one of the plurality of client systems.

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